

Great American Race makes stop in Nashville

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The 25th annual Great American Race made a stop in Nashville last week at Lane Motor Museum. About 100 vintage cars rolled into town on July 2, and an estimated 1,000 spectators came out to witness the event. Joan Williams, marketing director for the museum, was on hand as racers arrived for the Nashville pit stop.

"I think the event was very well represented by Nashvillians," says

Williams. "They were very enthusiastic and cheered as the cars came through."

Nashville is competing with other stops along the race route for the title of "Greatest American City." The winning city will be determined by the racers and will receive an award of \$5,000. If Nashville is chosen as the winner, the money will benefit the Metro Public Library.

This year's Great Race started in Concord, N.C., on June 30 and will finish up 4,000 miles later

in Anaheim, Calif., on July 14. The event commemorates a 1908 event in which six drivers traveled from New York to Paris over the course of five months.

The field of cars in this year's race includes some classic 1960s-era muscle cars, a large roster of '32 Deuces, a 1966 Aston Martin DB6, a 1954 Jaguar XK-120 and a 1910 Selden, the oldest car in the race.

To learn more about the Great American Race, visit the official event Web site at www.greatrace.com. ■



1932 FORD THREE-WINDOW COUPE



1940 LASALLE



1932 FORD HIBOY



1917 BARNEY OLDFIELD GOLDEN SUBMARINE

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Classic car lovers clamored to Lane Motor Museum last week as the Great American Race rolled into Nashville for a pit-stop on its 4,000-mile route. Pictured above are a few of the cars from the race.